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## II. REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 39 to 76 will be pending.

Claims 1 to 38 are cancelled herein without disclaimer, and without prejudice to Applicants' pursuing prosecution of subject matter encompassed within one or more of the claims in an application claiming the benefit of priority of the subject application.

New claims 39 to 81 have been added. The new claims are supported, in part, on the claims as originally filed, including the claims originally filed in priority application U.S. Serial No. 09/054,936. With respect to the previously filed claims, the language of the newly added claims corrects various informalities and typographical errors, and more clearly defines the subject matter of the invention.

New claims 39 to 41 are supported by original claims 1 and 5 and, for example, at page 2, line 22, to page 3, line 23; page 4, lines 4-11, and page 5, lines 1-7. New claims 42 and 43 are supported by original claims 2 and 3, respectively. New claim 44 is supported, for example, at page 4, lines 18-21. New claims 45 and 46 are supported by original claims 6 and 7. New claim 47 is supported by original claim 4. New claim 48 is supported by original claim 8. New claims 49 to 52 are supported by original claims 10 to 13, respectively. New claim 53 is supported by original claim 15. New claim 54 is supported, for example, at page 5, lines 2-3. New claims 55 to 61 are supported by original claims 18 to 24, respectively. New claim 62 is supported, for example, at page 1, lines 6-8; and page 4, lines 2-6. New claim 63 is supported by original claims 25. New claims 64 and 65 are supported by original claims 27 and 28, respectively. New claim 66 is supported, for example, at page 11, line 24, to page 12, line 10. New claims 67 is supported by original claim 29. New claim 68 is supported by original claim 17 and, for example, at page 7, line 16, to page 8, line 10. New claim 69 is supported by original claim 30. New claim 70 is supported by original claims 31 and 33. New claim 71 is

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supported by original claim 38, and also by claims 1, 2, 3 and 5. New claims 72 and 73 are supported by original claims 6 and 7, respectively. New claim 74 is supported by original claim 8. New claim 75 is supported by original claim 11. New claim 76 is supported, for example, at page 5, lines 2-3. As such, the new claims are supported by the specification and the claims as originally filed and, therefore, do not add new matter. Accordingly, entry of the new claims respectfully is requested.

It is submitted that the newly added claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Although no fee is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 if any fee is deemed necessary.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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